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Applicant: Cirigliano et al.  
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For: APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING PASSING OF A BREWED BEVERAGE

Group: 1761  
Examiner: A. Weier  
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International Search Report claiming priority of PCT/EP 03/05470 dated September 1, 2003

EP 0 776 166 B1 (Stipp)

US Patent Application No. 2001/0053399 A1 (Herod)

US Patent Application No. 2002/0002908 A1 (Clean et al.)

US Patent No. 5,927,179 (Mordini et al.)

US Patent No. 6,305,268 B1 (Schamberg et al.)

US Patent No. 6,393,966 B1 (Hart et al.)

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U.S. Patent No. 4,550,024 (le Granse)

U.S. Patent No. 5,325,765 (Sylvan et al.)

U.S. Patent No. 3,450,024 (Martin)

U.S. Patent No. 5,663,026 (Gruenbacher)

Under Applicants' Duty of Disclosure, the Examiner is informed of related co-pending applications as follows:

Applicant:	Mordini et al.
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	2	2002/0002908 A1 ✓	1/10/02	Clean et al.			
	3	5,927,179 ✓	7/27/99	Mordini et al.			
	4	6,305,268 B1 ✓	10/23/01	Schamberg et al.			
	5	6,393,966 B1 ✓	6/28/02	Hart et al.			
	6	6,182,554 B1 ✓	2/6/01	Beaulieu et al.			
	7	5,347,916 A ✓	9/20/94	Fond et al.			
	8	2001/0052294A1 ✓	12/20/01	Schmed			
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	10	5,325,765 ✓	7/5/94	Sylvan et al.			
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	12	5,663,026 ✓	9/2/97	Kasuya et al.			

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